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SUBJECT: MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME (MTCR):
PREPARING FOR RPOC DISCUSSION OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE
TOPICS (C)

Classified By: ISN/MTR Director Pam Durham.
Reasons: 1.4 (B), (D).

¶1. (U) This is an action request. Embassy Paris please see paragraph 2.

¶2. (C) BACKGROUND AND ACTION REQUEST: In keeping with established practice, we want to urge the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Partners to present proposed Information Exchange (IE) topics and try to come to closure on a draft IE agenda for the 2008 MTCR Plenary at the April 10-11, 2008 MTCR Reinforced Point of Contact Meeting (RPOC) in Paris. In keeping with this undertaking, and to facilitate RPOC discussion of this issue, the United States is circulating a proposal for IE agenda topics, along with a list of papers/presentations the United States plans to make at the 2008 IE. Embassy Paris is requested to provide the paper in paragraph 3 to the French MTCR POC for distribution to all MTCR Partners. NOTE: Info addressees also may distribute to host government officials as appropriate. END NOTE.

¶3. (C) BEGIN TEXT OF PAPER ON PROPOSED IE AGENDA TOPICS:

U.S. Views on the Agenda for the 2007 Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Plenary Information Exchange (IE)
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The United States looks forward to working closely with the Partners at the April 10-11 MTCR RPOC meeting in Paris on preparations for the 2008 Plenary. As the Partners have done in recent years, we hope that at the RPOC, the Partners will again propose topics for the 2008 Information Exchange (IE) and try to develop an agenda for the 2008 IE meeting. This will greatly facilitate Partner preparation for the IE and pave the way for an in-depth discussion of the issues.

In this context, the United States would like to suggest the following items for inclusion on the agenda for the 2008 IE:

- Country and Regional Issues (China, Iran, Middle East, North Korea, South Asia, Singapore, Syria, Taiwan, UAE, etc.).
- Export Control Issues (analysis of denials, risk assessment in licensing, post-shipment and pre-license checks, visa screening, etc.).
- Proliferator Procurement Activities and Strategies (brokering, front companies, shipping lines, etc.).
- Technology and Equipment of Current Interest to Programs of Concern.
- Interdiction (including case studies and examples of lessons learned from successful interdictions by the Partners).
- Terrorism.

In addition, the United States would like to inform the Partners that we would be prepared to make presentations on the following topics at the IE:

--China.
--Iran.
--Malaysia
--North Korea.
--Syria.
--Emerging Solid Propellant Market.
--Export Controls.
--Interdiction Case Study.
--Machine Tools.
--Perchlorate Family of Chemicals.
--Risk Technologies.
--Shipping Operations/Trends.

The United States would welcome Partners' own suggestions for IE agenda topics and presentations, and looks forward to a productive exchange on this matter at the RPOC.

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14. (U) Please slug any reporting on this or other MTCR issues for ISN/MTR.
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